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**Subject:** Dear Department of Justice,

Dear Department of Justice,

I would like to express my feelings on the proposed Microsoft settlement. I am vehemently opposed to it as it is written for a number of reasons. First, as it is written the settlement won't be able to stop Microsoft from illegally using its market power and isn't easily enforceable. Second, The \$1 billion donation to schools will only strengthen Window's (Microsofts) position in education at the expense of Apple Computer. Although the schools will be able to spend the cash portion however they seem fit, what operating system do you think most will choose if they are given loads of referbished Windows machines (as well as a bunch of Windows only based software). Lastly, \$1 billion isn't enough. For a guy like Bill Gates, who has built his personal net worth to over \$87 Billion through Microsoft's monopolistic practices, \$1 billion is pocket change to keep the Federal Government at bay.

The way I see it this settlement does exactly the opposite of what antitrust laws are intended to do. It slaps the wrist of a monopolistic company, imposing no real sanctions and at the same time erodes the market share of it's only viable competitor (Apple Computer).

Please don't let Microsoft get off this easy.

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